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Mr. Neil William Murray, and authorizes the patent office to charge for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g). The declaration details that Ms. Trantino working with Mr. Murray sent letters (including the application and figures) to the inventor at his last known address in Australia of:

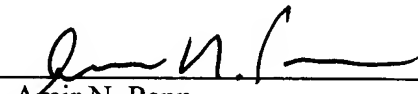
40 Union Street

Windsor, Victoria, Australia

Accenture has not, to date, received a response from Mr. McDougall and has not received the executed declaration. Therefore, the inventor has refused to sign the declaration, and Accenture requests acceptance of the petition so that the application does not go abandoned or any rights are lost. Accordingly, Accenture respectfully requests that the petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 22, 2006



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Our Case No. 10022-802

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In re Application of:)
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Pascal J. Gauthereon, et al.)
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Serial No. 10/562,185) Examiner: TBA
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Filing Date: December 22, 2005) Group Art Unit No. 3629
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF)
INVESTING FUNDS)
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DECLARATION OF CINZIA TRANTINO

I, Cinzia Trantino, of 65 Sylvander Street, North Balwyn, Victoria 3104, Australia, declare as follows:

1. I am the Personal Assistant to Mr. Neil William Murray who is a registered Australian and New Zealand Patent and Trade Mark Attorney and a Principal of Messrs. Callinan Lawrie who are presently the instructing Attorneys in respect of United States Patent Application No. 10/562,185 in the name of Accenture Australia Ltd.
2. I have full access to the Callinan Lawrie file in respect of United States Patent Application No. 10/562,185, and I am familiar with its contents.
3. On or about 28 September 2006 I was advised by Neil William Murray that Mr. Mark McDougall was no longer in the employ of Accenture Australia Ltd.
4. On 28 September 2006 I prepared and transmitted e-mail correspondence to two of the four nominated inventors, namely, Mr. Pascal Gautheron and Mr. Bennett Chen, requesting contact details for Mr. Mark McDougall.
5. On Friday, 20 October 2006, I spoke with Mr. Pascal Gautheron. Mr. Gautheron stated that he was no longer in contact with Mr. Mark McDougall.

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6. On Wednesday, 24 October, 2006, I managed to contact Mr. Ashwin Field by telephone. Mr. Field stated that he would investigate to see if he could obtain contact details for Mr. Mark McDougall.
7. On Tuesday, 24 October 2006, I initiated a search of the electronic copy of the Australian White Pages telephone directory as hosted on the internet, and entered Mr. Mark McDougall's name and residential address as stated in the Declaration and Assignment documents, and noted that the search returned a null result.
8. On Thursday, 26 October 2006, I received an e-mail message from an employee in the Human Resources Department of Accenture Australia Ltd. with new contact details for Mr. Mark McDougall including his new address of 40 Union Street, Windsor, Victoria, Australia and home telephone number. Subsequent to receiving the e-mail correspondence, I attempted to contact Mr. Mark McDougall on his home telephone number. On Thursday, 26 October, 2006, I called Mr. Mark McDougall's home telephone number at 7:30pm and 8:15pm and, as both calls were not answered, I left a detailed voice message explaining the requirement regarding the Declaration and Assignment documents.
9. On Friday, 27 October 2006, I again attempted to contact Mr. Mark McDougall by calling his home telephone number at 7:35am and again at 10:45am, and as both calls were not answered, I left a further detailed voice message.
10. On Friday, 27 October 2006, I spoke with Mr. Neil William Murray who was overseas at that time, and Mr. Murray requested that I contact Nationwide Private Investigators to instruct them to use their best endeavours to contact Mr. Mark McDougall. Accordingly, I contacted Mr. Craig Douglas of Nationwide Investigators and provided Mr. Douglas with instructions to contact Mr. Mark McDougall based upon the only available contact information as provided to us by Accenture.

11. On Friday, 27 October 2006, subsequent to my discussion with Mr. Craig Douglas as described in paragraph 10, I prepared and transmitted e-mail correspondence to Mr. Craig Douglas including the Declaration and Assignment documents requiring execution by Mr. Mark McDougall, and also a copy of the patent specification and claims as they presently stood before the United States Patent and Trade Mark Office. Mr. Craig Douglas subsequently called me later that day and confirmed that he would send an investigator to the private residence of Mr. Mark McDougall with copies of the documents requiring execution, along with the specification and claims, in an attempt to either obtain execution of the documents by Mr. Mark McDougall, or alternatively leave the documents at Mr. Mark McDougall's residential address with a request that Mr. Mark McDougall urgently contact myself.
12. On Friday, 27 October 2006, subsequent to my telephone conversation with Mr. Craig Douglas as described in paragraph 11, I was contacted again by Mr. Craig Douglas by telephone, and during the subsequent discussion, Mr. Douglas confirmed that one of his investigators had attended the residential address of Mr. Mark McDougall but was unable to contact anyone at the residence. Further, he confirmed that his investigator approached surrounding residences and was able to contact a neighbour who confirmed that Mr. Mark McDougall was still a resident at the address provided by Accenture, although the neighbour further advised that she hadn't seen Mark McDougall, his wife or their children for several days to that point in time, and indicated that she thought that they may be on vacation. Mr. Douglas also confirmed during this telephone conversation that his investigator placed an envelope under the front door of Mr. Mark McDougall's residence containing the Declaration and Assignment documents requiring execution and a copy of the specification and claims of United States Patent Application No. 10/562,185.
13. On Monday, 30 October 2006, I again called the home telephone number of Mr. Mark McDougall at 11:20am and 2:15pm, and both times my call was unanswered.
14. During the period from 31 October 2006 to 15 November 2006, I have attempted numerous times to contact Mr. Mark McDougall by calling his home telephone number, and in every instance my call was unanswered.

15. The following is what I believe is the last known address for Mr. Mark McDougall:
40 Union Street, Windsor, Victoria, Australia.
16. I declare under penalty of perjury that I believe that the foregoing to be true and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

23.11.2006

Executed this day

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